REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-13, 15-21 and 23-24 are pending in the present application. By this Response, independent claims 1, 9 and 17 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter from claims 6, 14 and 22, respectively, which are now canceled. Claims 7, 15 and 23 are amended to correct their dependency in view of the cancellation of claims 6, 14 and 22. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant thanks Examiner Tsai for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 4, 6-8, 11, 12, 14-16, 19, 20 and 22-24. By this Response, the independent claims 1, 9 and 17 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter from claims 6, 14 and 22, respectively. Thus, it is Applicant's understanding that all of the claims are now directed to allowable subject matter and the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of the claims and allowance of the application.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid in the allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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